

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-53 (canceled)

Claim 54 (new): A method for distributing programming selection to a receiver, wherein the receiver is communicatively coupled to a network, wherein the receiver is configurable to receive programming transmission from at least one content provider, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving, from a user, user instruction;

providing a programming schedule for the user in accordance with the received user instruction, said programming schedule listing a plurality of programming selections that are available for selection;

receiving, from the user, a remote request to access a user account, said request from the user being received over the network via a separate device;

granting the user access to the user account via the network;

transmitting, to the separate device, display data for displaying the programming schedule;

receiving, from the separate device, a selection signal for selecting a programming selection;

and

configuring the receiver to receive the selected programming selection.

Claim 55 (new): The method of claim 54, wherein said receiver includes a storage medium, said method further comprising the step of configuring the receiver to record the selected programming transmission.

Claim 56 (new): The method of claim 54, wherein the receiver is configured to receive the selected programming selection at a designated time, the designated time corresponding to a time when the programming selection is made available by a content provider.

Claim 57 (new): The method of claim 54, further comprising the steps of:

receiving, from the user, a browse request to browse through a plurality of additional programming selections; and

transmitting, to the separate device, display data for displaying a plurality of additional programming selections for selection.

Claim 58 (new): The method of claim 54, further comprising the step of routing the selected programming transmission from a content provider to the receiver.

Claim 59 (new): The method of claim 54, further comprising the step of routing the selected programming transmission to another receiver.

Claim 60 (new): A method for distributing programming selection to one of a plurality of receivers, wherein the receivers are communicatively coupled to a network, wherein the receivers are configurable to receive programming transmission from at least one content provider, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving, from a user, user instruction;

providing a programming schedule for the user in accordance with the received user instruction, said programming schedule listing a plurality of programming selections that are available for selection;

receiving, from the user, a remote request to access a user account, said request from the user being received over the Internet via a separate device;

granting the user access to the user account via the network;

transmitting, to the separate device, display data for displaying the programming schedule;

receiving, from the separate device, a selection signal for selecting a programming selection;

receiving, from the separate device, a designation signal for designating one of the plurality of receivers, and

configuring the designated receiver to receive the selected programming selection.

Claim 61 (new): The method of claim 60, wherein said designated receiver includes a storage medium, said method further comprising the step of configuring the designated receiver to record the selected programming transmission.

Claim 62 (new): The method of claim 60, wherein the designated receiver is configured to receive the selected programming selection at a designated time, the designated time corresponding to a time when the programming selection is made available by a content provider.

Claim 63 (new): The method of claim 60, further comprising the steps of:

receiving, from the user, a browse request to browse through a plurality of additional programming selections; and

transmitting, to the separate device, display data for displaying a plurality of additional programming selections for selection.

Claim 64 (new): The method of claim 60, further comprising the step of routing the selected programming transmission from a content provider to the designated receiver.

Claim 65 (new): The method of claim 60, further comprising the step of routing the selected programming transmission to another one of the plurality of receivers.

Claim 66 (new): A system for distributing programming selection to a receiver, said system comprising:

a receiver communicatively coupled to a network, said receiver is configurable to receive programming transmission from at least one content provider; and

a server communicative coupled to the network, said server comprising:

means for providing a programming schedule in response to receiving user instruction from a user, said programming schedule listing a plurality of programming selections that are available for selection,

means for receiving, from the user, a remote request to access a user account, said request from the user being received over the network via a separate device,

means for granting the user access to the user account via the network,

means for transmitting, to the separate device, display data for displaying the programming schedule,

means for receiving, from the separate device, a selection signal for selecting a programming selection, and

means for configuring the receiver to receive the selected programming selection.

Claim 67 (new): The system of claim 66, wherein said receiver includes a storage medium, and wherein said system server further comprises means for configuring the receiver to record the selected programming transmission.

Claim 68 (new): The system of claim 66, wherein said means for configuring the receiver configures the receiver to receive the selected programming selection at a designated time, the designated time corresponding to a time when the programming selection is made available by a content provider.

Claim 69 (new): The system of claim 66, wherein the server further comprises:

means for receiving, from the user, a browse request to browse through a plurality of additional programming selections, and

means for transmitting, to the separate device, display data for displaying a plurality of additional programming selections for selection.

Claim 70 (new): The system of claim 66, wherein said server further comprises means for routing the selected programming transmission from a content provider to the receiver.

Claim 71 (new): The system of claim 66, further comprising another receiver, wherein said server further comprises means for routing the selected programming transmission to another receiver.

Claim 72 (new): The system of claim 71, wherein said receiver and said other receiver are operatively coupled via a private network.

Claim 73 (new): A server for use in a system with a receiver for distributing programming selection to a receiver, said receiver communicatively coupled to a network and receiver is configurable to receive programming transmission from at least one content provider, said server comprising:

means for providing a programming schedule in response to receiving user instruction from a user, said programming schedule listing a plurality of programming selections that are available for selection;

means for receiving, from the user, a remote request to access a user account, said request from the user being received over the network via a separate device,

means for granting the user access to the user account via the network;

means for transmitting, to the separate device, display data for displaying the programming schedule;

means for receiving, from the separate device, a selection signal for selecting a programming selection; and

means for configuring the receiver to receive the selected programming selection.

Claim 74 (new): The server of claim 73, wherein said receiver includes a storage medium, and wherein said system server further comprises means for configuring the receiver to record the selected programming transmission.

Claim 75 (new): The server of claim 73, wherein said means for configuring the receiver configures the receiver to receive the selected programming selection at a designated time, the designated time corresponding to a time when the programming selection is made available by a content provider.

Claim 76 (new): The server of claim 73, further comprising:

means for receiving, from the user, a browse request to browse through a plurality of additional programming selections, and

means for transmitting, to the separate device, display data for displaying a plurality of additional programming selections for selection.

Claim 77 (new): The server of claim 73, further comprising means for routing the selected programming transmission from a content provider to the receiver.

Claim 78 (new): The server of claim 73, further comprising means for routing the selected programming transmission to another receiver.

Claim 79 (new): The server of claim 78, wherein said receiver and said other receiver are operatively coupled via a private network.

Claim 80 (new): A receiver for use in a system for receiving programming selection, said receiver communicatively coupled to a network and is configurable to receive programming transmission from at least one content provider, said receiver comprising:

means for providing a programming schedule in response to receiving user instruction from a user, said programming schedule listing a plurality of programming selections that are available for selection;

means for receiving, from the user, a remote access request, said access request from the user being received over the network via a separate device,

means for granting network access to the user;

means for receiving, from the separate device via the network, a selection signal for selecting a programming selection; and

means for receiving the selected programming selection.

Claim 81 (new): The receiver of claim 80, further comprising a storage medium for recording the received programming selection.

Claim 82 (new): The receiver of claim 80, wherein said receiver is a personal computer.